

**MINUTES OF THE
TRANSPORTATION INTERIM COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, September 17, 2008 – 9:00 a.m. – Room W025 House Building

Members Present:

Sen. Carlene M. Walker, Senate Chair
Rep. Todd E. Kiser, House Chair
Sen. Scott K. Jenkins
Sen. Sheldon L. Killpack
Sen. Karen Mayne
Sen. Kevin T. VanTassell
Rep. Stephen D. Clark
Rep. Bradley M. Daw
Rep. Ben C. Ferry
Rep. Richard A. Greenwood
Rep. Lynn N. Hemingway

Rep. Kory M. Holdaway
Rep. Brad King
Rep. Bradley G. Last
Rep. Ronda Rudd Menlove
Rep. Brian P. Monson
Rep. Paul A. Neuenschwander
Rep. LaWanna Lou Shurtliff

Staff Present:

Mr. Leif G. Elder, Policy Analyst
Ms. Shannon C. Halverson, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Tracey Fredman, Legislative Secretary

Note: A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1. Committee Business

Chair Kiser called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

MOTION: Rep. Ferry moved to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2008 meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Killpack and Rep. Holdaway were absent for the vote.

2. Study of East-West Corridors in First and Second Class Counties

Mr. John Njord, Executive Director, Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT), distributed and discussed the contents of "H.B. 108 Transportation Studies." Mr. Njord noted that the main purpose of the studies was to identify potential improvements that could help alleviate congestion in different areas throughout Davis, Weber, Salt Lake, Utah, and Washington counties.

Mr. Njord distributed "I-15 and Legacy NB and SB at 400 N Bountiful" and indicated that the graphs demonstrate the impact of Legacy on I-15 traffic moving in both the north and south bound directions.

3. Annual Review of New Transportation Capacity Projects

Mr. Carlos Braceras, Deputy Director, UDOT, distributed and gave a brief overview of "Centennial Highway Fund Projects," "Transportation Investment Fund," and "Critical Highway Needs Fund."

Mr. Njord presented "Utah County I-15 Corridor Expansion," which outlines the reconstruction of a portion of I-15 in Utah County. He noted that work on this project is scheduled to begin in Spring 2009. He also presented "Legacy Parkway & Preserve" and commented on the challenges associated with the construction of the Legacy Parkway.

4. Motor Carriers

Mr. Richard Clasby, Director, Motor Carrier Division, UDOT, referred to "Motor Carrier Division MCSAP Program Review," which was included in the mailing packet. Mr. Clasby briefed committee members on the Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program, which helps regulate commercial safety regulations and inspections consistently from state to state. He reviewed the handout pointing out needed changes to the Transportation Code which would bring the state into compliance with program requirements. These changes are included in 2009 General Session draft legislation, "Commercial Motor Vehicle Amendments," which was distributed through a supplemental mailing.

Mr. Clasby presented "The History and Current Practices of Size and Weight" and discussed how uniform sizes and state and national regulations have come about. He also responded to questions from committee members.

5. Driver License Issues

Ms. Nannette Rolfe, Director, Driver License Division (DLD), distributed "Utah's Motorcycle and Similar Vehicle Laws," and requested a modification to the motorcycle section of the Utah Traffic Code to require a drivers license and endorsement for operation of a motor-driven cycle on public roads.

Mr. Bill Lloyd, Manager, DLD, described the vehicles which fall under the category of motor-driven cycles and responded to questions from committee members.

No action was taken on this issue.

6. Alternative Fuel Vehicles

Mr. Craig Bickmore, Executive Director, Utah Automobile Dealer's Association, discussed the abundance of compressed natural gas in the state and the potential to use it to fuel a greater number of automobiles in the future.

7. Other Items / Adjourn

MOTION: Sen. Jenkins moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Walker, Sen. Killpack, and Rep. Holdaway were absent for the vote.

Chair Kiser adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.